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To: Interested Persons:

TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE "WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN – SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN" (BASIN PLAN) – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the prioritized list of issues to be addressed in the Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan). The public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board meeting on July 19, 2002, at the following time and location:

DATE:	July 19, 2002
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	Orange County Water District 10500 Ellis Avenue Fountain Valley, California

To comply with federal and state law, Regional Board staff prepared a proposed list of issues to be addressed in the current Triennial Review of the Basin Plan. The issues on this list have been prioritized, by fiscal year, to reflect both water quality standards concerns and the availability of needed resources.

On April 26, 2002, the Regional Board conducted a public workshop to solicit public comments on Staff's draft proposed Triennial Review priority list. Board Staff has considered written comments and testimony received at the public workshop regarding the draft prioritized list of Basin Plan Triennial Review issues presented at the April 26, 2002 workshop, and revised the priority of listed issues based on comments received. The highest priority issues are those that staff expects to address during this triennial review period, based on the anticipated available resources.

The Triennial Review priority list to be considered for adoption by the Regional Board, along with a description of each issue, will be posted on the Regional Board's Internet site <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb8/> not later than June 19, 2002. Copies of the proposed priority list will be distributed by mail to those persons known to the Regional Board to have an interest in this matter not later than June 19, 2002. A copy of these documents may also be obtained upon request to Regional Board staff at (909) 782-4130 or by sending an e-mail request to dwoelfel@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov. Alternatively, these documents may be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, after June 19, 2002. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (909) 782-4130.

The Regional Board's consideration of this matter will lead to formal adoption of a prioritized list of Triennial Review issues. The adopted Triennial Review priority list will direct staff resources for Basin Planning through the 2004-05 fiscal year. This review does not necessarily mean that



any revisions will be made to the Basin Plan. After investigation by Regional Board staff of the identified priority issues, Basin Plan amendments may be proposed.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony concerning the proposed Triennial Review priority list at the July 19, 2002 hearing. Your expedient written submittal will allow the Regional Board to thoroughly analyze your comments before the Regional Board considers adoption of the Triennial Review priority list. For the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments. Comments should be submitted to:

Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
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Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Mark G. Adelson at the address above, at (909) 782-3234 or by e-mail to madelson@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov. If you no longer have an interest in this matter, please contact staff so that we may remove your name from our mailing list.

Any person who is requires special accommodation to participate in the July 19, 2002, Regional Board hearing should contact Barbara Laffoon at (909) 782-3285 no later than July 3, 2002.

Sincerely,

Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer

Cc: Paul Lilebo, SWRCB DWQ Basin Planning Unit
Terry Oda, USEPA Region 9 (WTR-5)

